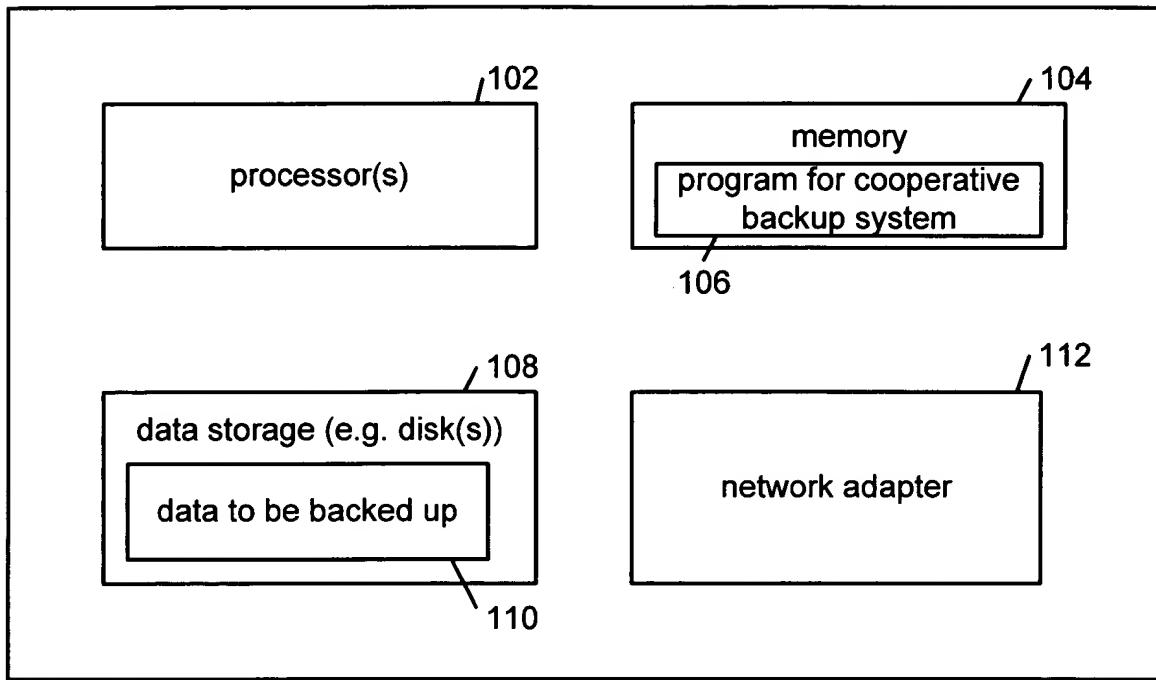


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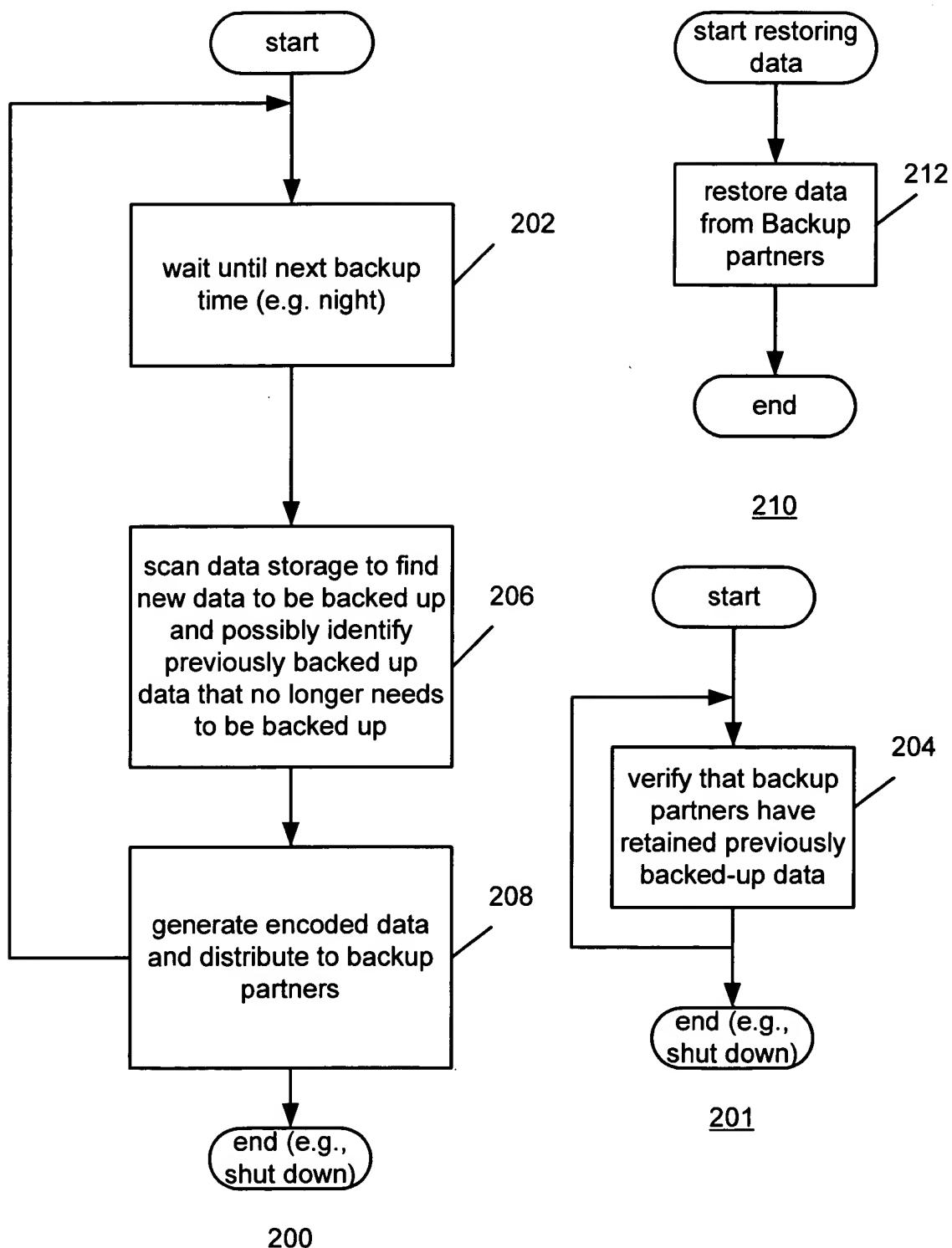
Distributed, Cooperative Backup System

**Fig. 1**



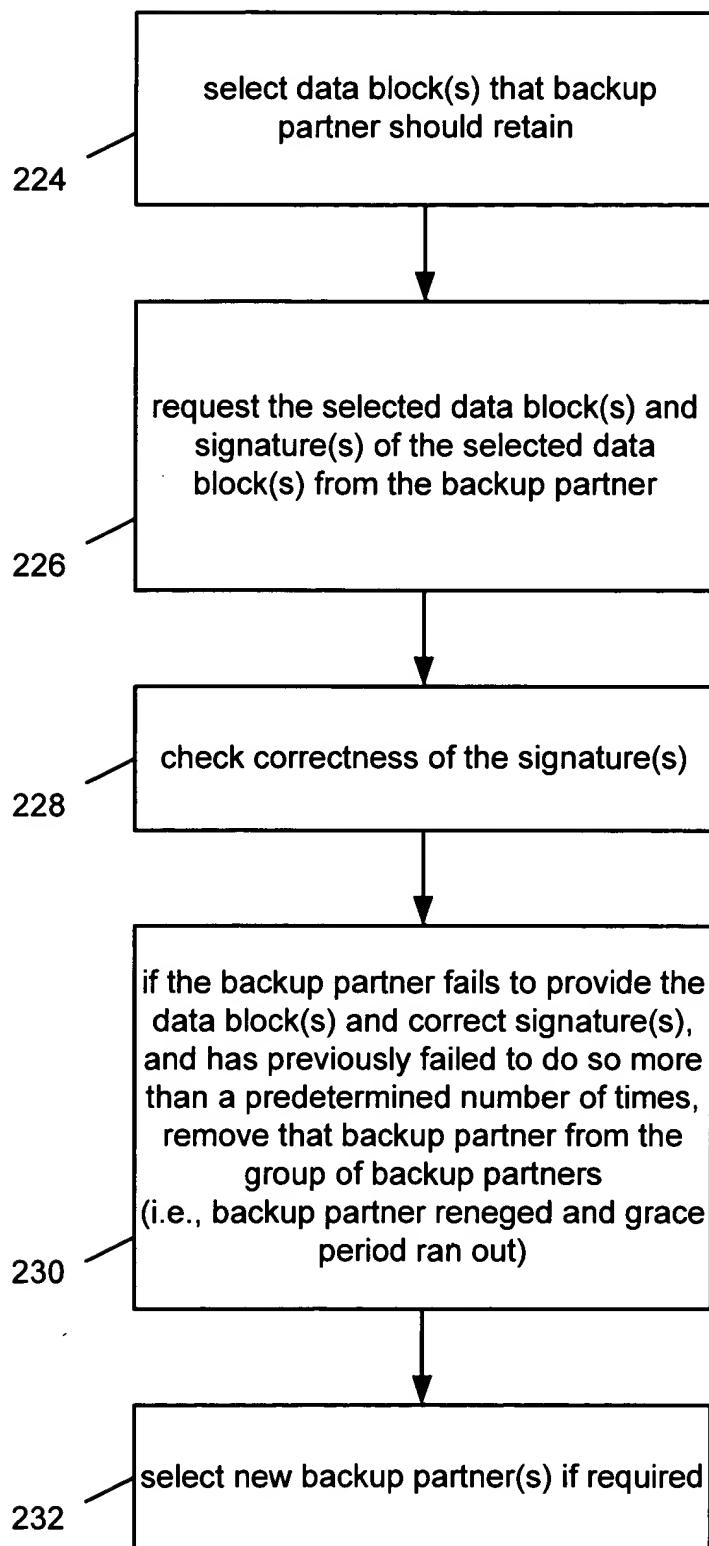
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**Fig. 2**



Backup Operations of the Cooperative Backup System  
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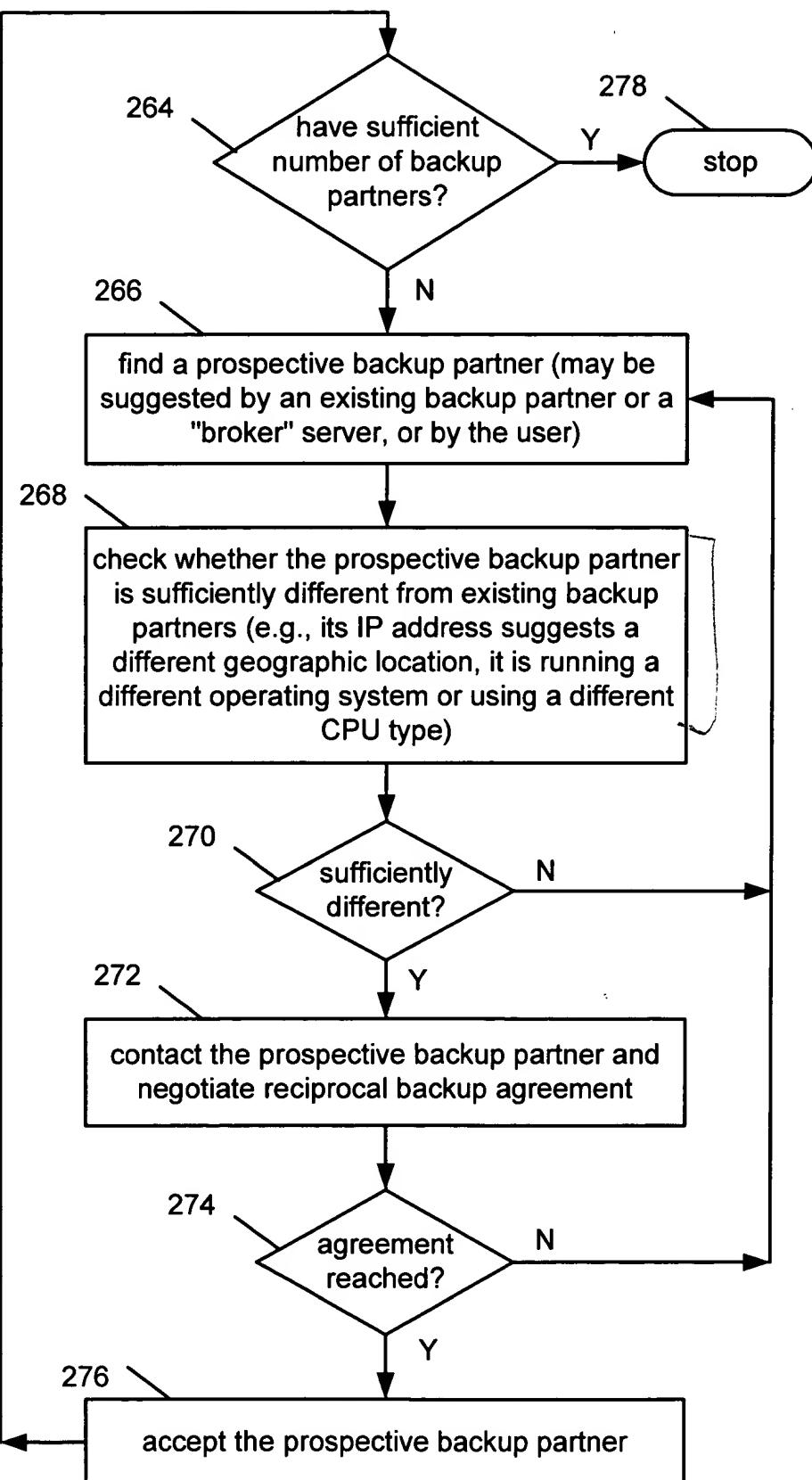
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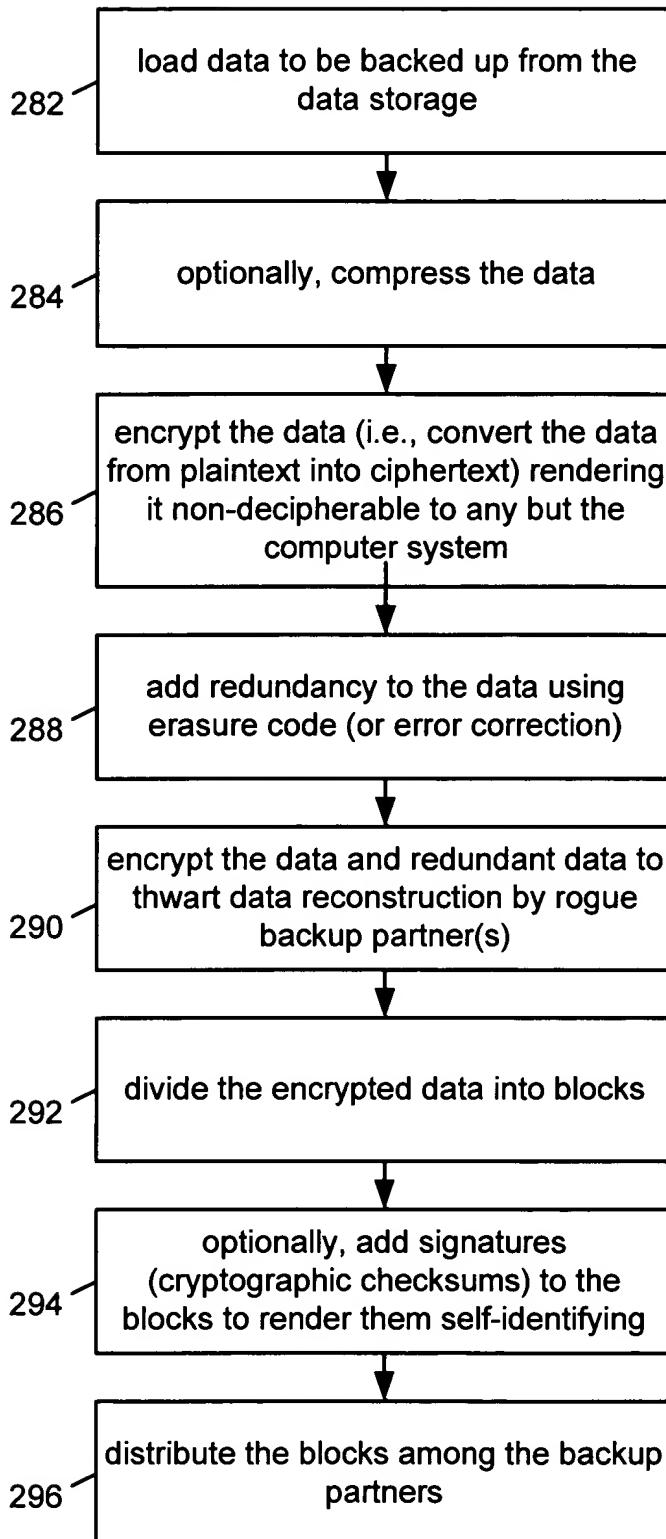
**Fig. 4**



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Selecting New Backup Partner If Required

**Fig. 5**

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Generate Encoded Data and Distribute to Backup Partners

**Fig. 6**

